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year. Some of you will say the RAND study was done in California, but the RAND study covered the Midwestern states, and that's \$1 per employer per year, and that's pretty low cost there. And this is, as I said before, another thing I always turn to the fiscal note any time I'm looking at a bill, to make sure who is opposing it and who is supporting it. And I want to make sure of that fact. I just found out something that I should have been aware of all this time, and I've told my constituents many times, you don't have to come forward and testify, you just sign in and it will be on the transcript. Well, of course, it's on the transcript, but who reads the transcript, for heaven's sake, I don't. I come up here and I look at the supporters. The supporters, half of the supporters are not listed on this...on this...on this sheet.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. President, members, throughout the years since I've been in the Legislature, I have told many of you, on many occasions, that if it does not make it out of committee, I don't vote it out on the...onto the floor. Senator Robak knows that. But...so I guess that it's...I ask you to allow me the privilege to speak to something that I will hold true to that and not be able to give it a vote. But this is one time that...when I made that self-imposed rule that you sometimes regret it. This is one time that I find myself regretting it. I think that on the floor of the Legislature I look to many of you for certain areas of expertise, Senator Lynch, on head injuries; I look to Senator Jensen, banking issues. I mean all of you, I can move around...Senator Dwite Pedersen on programs that should be in place in prisons; veterinary issues, Senator Dierks, number...each one of you has an area that we know that we have to learn from one another those things that are of significant importance. I think that Senator Robak has served that role in the area of people with mental disabilities. I know she has spent a great deal of time studying it. Her efforts have been consistent through her years in the Legislature in trying to get the state to recognize the importance of meeting the needs of treating mental illnesses. I certainly think, as I listen to Senator Landis and he said that we...the main...his main reason in saying that he opposed doing this is that we would be ordering a contract, we would be saying